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MIDWEST LIVESTOCK REVIEW

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RANGE AND FEEDLOT SALES

Slaughter steers sold steady to 25¢ lower and heifers steady to 50¢ lower for the week at most midwest terminals as early upturns were more than erased. Slaughter cows also declined late to close about steady. Feeder cattle and calves sold steady to 50¢ higher. Hog prices were 25-50¢ lower. Spring slaughter lambs were steady to 50¢ higher.

SLAUGHTER CATTLE AND CALVES - Slaughter steers and heifers advanced on Monday at most major markets, but a small increase in receipts after Monday coupled with lower dressed beef prices saw early upturns erased with slaughter steers finishing the period generally steady to 25¢ lower; heifers steady to 50¢ off. The principal exception at Chicago where steer and heifer prices did not show strength at any time and steers closed steady to 75¢ lower, heifers 25-75¢ off. The percentage of cows and stockers and feeders showed little change. Cows extended recent upturns early in the week, but declined late to close about steady at the majority of points. Vealers sold steady to \$1.00 higher at St. Louis and St. Paul. Good and Choice steers and heifers formed the bulk of receipts at most markets. The average weight of steers at the 7 markets was 1116# compared to 1121# the preceding week and 1129# a year ago. At Kansas City 48 percent of the arrivals were stockers and feeders and 25 percent of the St. Paul cattle supply consisted of cows.

Slaughter steers: Fully 20 loads Choice to mostly Prime 1150-1400# \$25.75-26.00 at Chicago where Choice and Prime 950-1400# bulked at \$23.75-25.50 and most Choice 950-1250# \$24.25-25.25. Some high-Choice \$25.25 at St. Louis and several loads high-Choice and Prime at other points \$24.50-25.00 with most Choice \$23.25-24.50, Good \$22.00-23.50, some Choice 1400-1650# \$21.50-23.50.

Slaughter heifers: A few loads high-Choice and Prime reached \$24.25, bulk Choice \$22.00-23.50, Good \$21.00-22.50.

Slaughter cows: Utility and Commercial \$14.50-17.00, Canner and Cutter \$12.00-15.50.

STOCKER AND FEEDER CATTLE AND CALVES - Fairly large late September receipts of feeder cattle and calves at terminal markets were little different in volume than the previous week but continued to fall short of the numbers marketed during the corresponding period a year ago. Overall quality was at the highest level thus far this season. A relatively large percent of the supplies were Choice and there was a moderate showing of mixed Choice and Fancy shipments. Prices generally were steady to 50¢ higher, however, trade activity varied considerably between markets. At several terminals the market slowed on late rounds and early advances were largely

erased. In contrast, late week auctions at several other markets were on a stronger basis than early week price levels.

Feeder steers: Good and Choice 800-1050# bulked at \$22.00-24.25, few loads Choice and mixed Choice and Fancy 800-875# \$24.75-25.25. At Omaha four loads Choice 1166# brought \$23.00. Scattered shipments Choice and mixed Choice and Fancy 500-600# brought \$26.80-28.00, two loads 457# \$28.50. Bulk Good and Choice 550-750# sold from \$22.50-26.50; Medium and low-Good \$20.00-23.50.

Feeder heifers: Good and Choice yearlings \$21.00-25.25, Choice 537# \$26.00. At Sioux City few loads Good and Choice fleshy 825-831# cashed from \$21.75-22.50.

Feeder calves: Moderate numbers of Choice and Fancy 300-425# steers sold from \$30.00-33.00, 2 loads 330# \$34.00; bulk Good and Choice \$24.00-29.00. Same grades of heifers bulked at \$22.00-27.00, few loads Choice and mixed Choice and Fancy \$27.50-31.25.

HOGS - Terminal Markets - A combination of increased receipts and lower prices for dressed pork at wholesale levels contributed to lower hog prices at most midwest terminals. At some centers a few more hogs scaling above 240# put in an appearance but as a general rule weights above 240# remained rather scarce. Sows accounted for 12 percent of the 8 market supply. Compared with the previous week's close, downturns of 25-50¢ were general on barrows and gilts with sows steady to 50¢ lower. However, at Indianapolis butchers were steady and sows advanced 50-75¢. At Sioux City there was a lag in shipper purchases due to labor difficulties on the West Coast. Indianapolis on the other hand saw 65 percent of supplies go into shipping channels while Kansas City reported 45 percent going on shipping account.

Barrows and gilts: On Friday U. S. 1-3, 190-260# sold from \$17.50-18.50, but largely \$17.75-18.25, some No. 1-2, 200-240# \$18.00-18.35 in the western part of the Corn Belt, and \$18.25-18.85 in the eastern part of the area.

Sows: No. 1-3, 270-400# \$16.00-17.50, No. 2-3, 400-600# \$14.50-16.00.

Average cut-out value advantage of U. S. No. 1 over No. 3 live basis 200-220# barrows and gilts was 95¢ per cwt. based on wholesale carlot prices of fresh pork cuts at Chicago September 21 to September 27, 1961 inclusive.

Feeder pigs: Prices were steady. Good and Choice 130-160# \$15.50-16.00 at St. Paul, and \$15.50-16.50 at Sioux City.

HOGS - Interior Iowa-Southern Minnesota area hog receipts for the week at 353,000 head were the largest for any week since February. Approximately 85-90 percent of butcher supply weighed 200-240#. Sows accounted for about 8 percent of receipts. A small price advance

Monday was erased by gradual declines on later sessions which resulted in barrows and gilts closing fully 25-50¢ lower than the previous Friday. Sows were 40-50¢ lower.

On Friday, mixed U. S. 1-3 200-240# barrows and gilts sold from \$17.00-17.50 with limited volume. No. 1-2 from \$17.25-17.75. No. 1-3 270-400# sows \$14.75-16.90, 400-550# \$12.85-15.40.

SHEEP AND LAMBS - Receipts at the 12 markets numbered 140,000 head, an increase of 11 percent from the previous week and a year ago. Wooled spring slaughter lambs predominated in receipts although shorn offerings increased seasonally. Feeder lambs comprised 19 percent of the supply at Omaha and 50 percent at Denver. The expanded number of slaughter lambs marketed met with fairly good demand at most points and prices were generally steady to 50¢ higher. Slaughter ewes were steady. Feeder lambs were steady at most centers but steady to 25¢ higher at St. Joseph and 25¢ lower at Omaha.

Spring slaughter lambs: Choice and Prime 85-110# woolled \$17.00-18.50 at many markets, mostly Prime to \$18.75 at Denver and to \$19.00 at a few markets; Good and Choice 75-110# \$15.00-17.75 including many sales \$16.00-17.50. Choice and Prime 90-114# shorn with No. 1 and 2 pelts cashed from \$16.50-17.50, sparingly \$18.00 and deck with No. 1 and fall shorn pelts \$18.50 at Chicago; Good and Choice 85-105# \$15.00-17.00, mostly sales \$16.00-17.00.

Slaughter ewes: Cull to Choice shorn \$2.00-4.50 at most terminals but wooled ewes reached \$6.00 at Fort Worth.

Feeder lambs: Choice and Fancy 52-88# brought \$14.00-15.50 and reached \$16.75 at Omaha; Good and Choice \$12.00-14.75.

Breeding ewes: Most Good and Choice yearling through three-year-old \$8.00-14.00, solid mouth \$5.00-8.00.

Sheep and lamb marketings in the Interior Iowa-Southern Minnesota area at 17,900 head was 10 percent below the previous week and the corresponding week a year ago. Decreased receipts and price advances on dressed lamb were bullish factors and the week's trend on spring slaughter lambs was strong to 50¢ higher. Slaughter ewes were steady. Spring slaughter lambs accounted for around 90 percent of receipts with shorn offerings about 15 percent of the lamb supply.

Spring slaughter lambs: Choice and Prime 85-105# woolled sold from \$16.50-17.50 delivered to packing plants, Good and Choice 85-110# \$15.50-16.75; Choice and Prime 85-105# shorn with No. 1 and 2 pelts \$16.00-17.00, Good and Choice \$15.00-16.25.

Slaughter ewes: Cull to Good shorn sold at \$2.00-3.00.

RANGE AND FEEDLOT SALES

Note: Shrink on most range and feedlot sales none to 5 percent, mostly 4 percent f.c.b. some with short haul and 3 percent shrink. All sales for immediate delivery unless specified.

ARIZONA, CALIFORNIA, NEVADA AND UTAH - Slaughter steers and heifers fairly active, steady to 25¢ lower, instances 50¢ off. Feeder cattle and calves were mostly steady. Spring slaughter lambs held fully steady in California, steady to weak in Utah.

Slaughter steers: In California and Arizona, 65 loads Choice 925-1125# sold at \$24.25-24.75, 1100-1200# \$23.50-24.00. Over California, Arizona, and Utah, bulk Good to mostly Choice 825-1100# \$23.00-24.00; Standard and Good 800-1100# \$22.00-22.75; mostly standard 900-1125# \$21.00-21.50.

Slaughter heifers: In California, Arizona, and Utah, Good to mostly Choice, 750-925# \$23.00-24.00; Good and Choice 750-900# \$22.00-22.75.

Feeders: Around 400 Choice 390-450# mixed calves with steers \$28.00, heifers \$26.00; few strings Choice and Choice and Fancy 350-550# mixed calves and short yearlings \$25.00-27.00 on steers, \$23.00-25.00 on heifers; few Choice and Fancy 510-615# steers \$24.50-24.75; Choice 480-750# steers \$23.00-24.00, heifers \$21.00-22.00; Good 600-650# steers \$23.00.

Spring slaughter lambs: In California, mostly Choice shorn lambs with No. 1 and fall shorn pelts \$17.00. In Utah, 45 loads Choice and Prime 88-95# woolled \$16.25-17.00; 20,000 expected 55-65 percent Choice and Prime slaughter, balance Choice and Fancy feeders \$15.50-16.10; 7,000 expected 25-35 percent slaughter, balance feeders \$14.75-15.00.

COLORADO, SOUTHERN WYOMING, WESTERN KANSAS AND WESTERN NEBRASKA - Slaughter cattle very slow with packers striving to clean up backlog of previously purchased cattle. Slaughter steers sold mostly 25¢ lower with slaughter heifers 25¢ to fully 50¢ lower.

Slaughter steers: Colorado, 80 loads Choice 1075-1250# slaughter steers \$23.50-24.25, 5 loads high-Good to mostly Choice 1100-1200# \$23.00-23.25.

Slaughter heifers: Colorado, 9 loads average and high-Choice 925-1075#, some loads with end of Prime \$23.50; 100 loads mostly Choice 840-1000# \$22.75-23.25; 10 loads high-Good and Choice 950-975# \$22.40-24.60.

Demand for feeder cattle and calves good with corn-belt buyers rather active in Eastern Wyoming and Western Nebraska. Sales and contracts on over 6,500 head made at fully steady prices.

Wyoming: Choice to Fancy, mostly Choice, 620-830# steers \$23.50-24.75; Choice 550-600#

heifers \$22.75-23.50; string of over 2,000 Choice calves expected to weigh around 300# at delivery in November, heifers \$30.00, steers \$32.00; Choice 340-425# calves, steers \$28.00-30.50, heifers \$27.00-29.00 for October-November. Western Nebraska: Choice and Fancy 625-775# steers \$24.00-26.00 for October delivery; few loads Choice 580-730# heifers \$23.00-24.25; Choice 375-465# steer calves \$28.00-30.00. Colorado: Choice 525-650# steers \$23.25-24.00, 2 loads Choice and Fancy 560# \$25.50; Choice 500-600# heifers \$22.40-23.50.

Adverse weather over most of the Western Slope tended to hamper trading on range lambs. Sales and contracts confirmed on around 28,000 head at fully steady prices.

Colorado: Choice and Prime 88-95# slaughter spring lambs \$16.50-17.25 f.o.b. weighing point or \$18.00-18.65 delivered and weighed off trucks at packing plants; few loads mostly Choice 85-95# \$15.50-15.75 weighing point. Wyoming: String mixed slaughter and feeder lambs expected to sort 25 percent Choice and Prime slaughter lambs \$14.50; Choice white-face 60-70# wether feeders \$13.50-14.00.

NEW MEXICO, WEST TEXAS, WESTERN OKLAHOMA, SOUTHWESTERN KANSAS - Clovis Area - Volume of Choice slaughter cattle rather limited in area feedlots. Sales confirmed on 110 loads at steady prices. Feeder cattle and calves slow, prices little changed.

Slaughter steers: 100 mostly Choice, 1075# \$24.00; 930 Good and Choice 1000-1150# \$23.25-24.25, latter delivered plant. Slaughter heifers, 300 mostly Choice 900# \$23.25; 715 Good and Choice 875-900# \$22.75-23.00; 30 Good 900-925# \$22.25; 400 Good 650-760# \$23.00-23.25. About 100 Utility cows \$14.50.

Feeders: Steers, October delivery, 700 Choice 725-775# \$23.00; 100 Choice 675# \$24.75; 525 Good and Choice 650-675# \$23.00; 800 Good 650-700# \$21.50-22.50.

Feeder calves: October-November delivery, 2,100 Choice 375-385# steers \$30.00; 575 Choice 400-450# steers \$28.00-29.00, heifers \$27.00.

Stock cows: 300 Choice 1000# \$192.50 per head; 40 Good cows with calves \$235.00 per pair.

Sheep and lambs: Trading very slow, limited sales steady. Texas, 1,000 Choice and Fancy 75# feeders \$13.50; 400 Choice 6# \$12.50; 3,800 Cull to Good 100-125# slaughter ewes \$4.00.

Amarillo Area - Slaughter cattle slow, steady; feeders little changed, calves fully steady.

Slaughter steers: 330 mostly Choice 1100# \$23.75; 210 Good and Choice 1050-1100# \$22.65-22.75; 67 Good 1100# \$21.75. Slaughter heifers, 310 mostly Choice 940# \$23.25; 130 Good and Choice 875# \$22.50.

Feeders: Steers, October delivery, 1,800

Good and Choice 520-650# \$22.50-23.75; Medium and Good 550-650# \$18.50-21.75; 640 Good and Choice 750-800# \$21.85. Heifers, 758 Choice 670-680# \$22.50; load Good 660# \$21.50.

Feeder calves: October delivery, 800 Choice and Fancy 400-175#, steers \$28.00-29.00, heifers \$26.00-27.00; 575 Choice 400# steers and heifers \$28.50; 200 Good and Choice 350-375#, steers \$26.00, heifers \$24.00; 890 Choice 400-440#, steers \$28.00-30.00, heifers \$25.00-28.00.

IDAHO, OREGON AND WASHINGTON - Slaughter steers and heifers rather slow, generally steady; feeder cattle and calves steady except calves strong to \$1.00 higher in Oregon; slaughter and feeder lambs about steady.

Slaughter steers: Washington, Choice 1075-1250# \$24.00-25.00; Standard 1100# \$22.00. Idaho, mostly Choice 1000-1125# \$24.00-24.75. Northwest Montana, Choice 1075-1150# \$23.00.

Slaughter heifers: Good and Choice 800-925# \$22.00-23.50.

Feeders: Washington, Idaho and Oregon - Good and Choice 650-800# steers \$22.50-23.50, 610# heifers \$21.00. Choice and Fancy 375-425# calves, steers \$27.50-30.00, heifers \$27.00 for October-mid-November. Good and Choice 375-525# calves, steers \$25.50-27.00, heifers \$23.00-25.00 for up to November 15.

Spring slaughter lambs: Washington, Choice and Prime 96-102# woolled \$16.50-17.00, latter price delivered. Oregon, Choice and Prime 100-110# with No. 1,2 and 3 pelts \$16.25-17.25 delivered Washington and California.

Spring feeder lambs: Oregon, Choice and Fancy 85# \$14.00, Choice 80-95# \$12.00-13.00.

Breeding ewes: Idaho, Choice and Fancy 80# lambs \$15.50. Oregon, Good and Choice yearlings \$15.50 per head.

MONTANA AND NORTHERN WYOMING - Trading continued slow. Feeder cattle and calves steady with some sales 50¢ lower; feeder lambs steady, instances 50¢ lower, breeding ewes firm.

Feeder cattle: Western Montana, 1,250 Choice and Fancy 600-725# steers \$23.00-24.00, 150 mostly Choice 600-700# yearlings, steers \$23.50, heifers \$21.50. Northern Wyoming, 650 Choice and Fancy 650-725# yearlings, steers \$23.50-24.00, heifers \$22.00.

Feeder calves: Montana, 1,250 Choice and Fancy 350-425#, steers \$28.00-30.00, heifers \$26.50-28.00; 500 Good and Choice 350-400#, steers \$27.00-28.00, heifers \$25.00-26.00; 1,975 Good to mostly Choice 350-450# for up to mid-October, steers \$27.00-28.00, heifers \$25.00-\$26.00.

Feeder lambs: Montana, over 12,000 Choice 69-90# \$13.00-14.00; 1,500 Choice 80-85# ewe lambs \$15.00. Wyoming, 16,500 Choice and Fancy 70-75# \$13.25-14.00, bulk \$13.50-13.75.

Ewes: Wyoming, 350 Choice 125-150# yearling breeding ewes \$17.00 per head, 400 mostly Good 5-6-year-old \$5.00 per head. Montana, 1,500 Utility and Good slaughter ewes \$2.50-3.00.

WEEKLY RECEIPTS OF SALABLE LIVESTOCK AT 12 PUBLIC MARKETS

Market	Cattle		Calves		Hogs		Sheep and lambs	
	Sept. 30 1961	Oct. 1 1960						
Chicago	38,663	52,494	168	352	30,958	32,734	4,258	4,006
Cincinnati	4,209	3,688	652	741	11,357	13,610	982	1,891
Denver	13,230	14,518	391	524	4,160	4,161	58,525	50,460
Fort Worth	11,613	9,363	1,577	1,621	1,422	2,346	5,688	5,958
Indianapolis ..	8,356	7,997	585	1,093	33,278	33,083	3,214	2,738
Kansas City ...	20,716	25,367	1,510	1,510	17,304	15,340	4,404	5,224
Oklahoma City .	12,272	12,361	2,739	2,360	3,381	3,727	678	760
Omaha	40,831	46,019	1,237	1,694	38,951	34,978	18,132	16,423
St. Joseph	17,197	17,344	1,010	760	25,769	23,928	4,779	4,945
St. Louis NSY .	18,276	19,200	2,299	3,000	54,328	55,258	4,888	4,042
Sioux City	34,843	34,392	3,011	1,017	31,935	27,101	14,973	13,210
S. St. Paul ...	23,753	25,448	7,076	8,197	46,858	46,812	19,329	17,091
Total	243,959	268,191	22,255	22,869	299,701	293,078	139,850	126,748
" Sept. 23, 1961	243,185		18,433		269,759		126,021	

INTERIOR IOWA AND SOUTHERN MINNESOTA - Sept. 30, 1961 Sept. 23, 1961 Oct. 1, 1960

Hogs 353,000 324,000 314,000*

Sheep 17,900 19,800 19,900*

*Revised.

STOCKER AND FEEDER CATTLE: AVERAGE COST, WEIGHT, AND NUMBER

	Week ended		Month		Two months		
	Sept. 28	Sept. 21	Sept. 29	Aug.	Aug.	July-Aug.	
	1961	1961	1960	1961	1960	1961	1960
Steers - 1001# up	421	299	517	1,718	1,996	3,010	2,945
901-1000	1,907	2,201	2,401	8,176	8,478	12,577	11,692
801-900	4,729	4,963	5,305	17,494	16,998	29,049	24,786
701-800	7,714	8,507	10,650	22,062	23,585	36,670	36,969
501-700	13,827	15,140	23,020	46,750	49,507	76,811	81,277
Total steers 10 markets....	28,598	31,110	41,893	96,200	100,564	158,117	157,669
Av. wt. " " "	716#	707#	699#	714#	711#	713#	703#
Av. cost* " " "	\$23.22	\$23.10	\$21.66	\$22.90	\$21.20	\$22.37	\$21.36
" " " Chicago	23.00	22.73	21.40	22.67	23.02	22.44	23.20
" " " Kansas City...	22.63	22.75	20.94	22.94	21.23	22.55	21.40
" " " Omaha	24.23	24.07	23.20	23.48	22.20	22.93	22.21
" " " S. St. Paul...	21.85	21.48	21.87	20.84	19.93	20.30	20.38
" " " Sioux City....	23.83	24.06	22.76	23.81	22.90	23.25	23.02
" " " Denver	23.86	23.42	22.40	23.03	21.78	22.64	22.08
" " " Ft. Worth	22.01	22.20	18.51	22.41	19.82	21.92	20.33
" " " Oklahoma City.	22.44	22.19	19.42	22.33	19.79	21.59	20.09
" " " S. St. Joseph.	22.41	22.69	19.58	22.39	20.73	22.11	20.94
" " " St. Louis NSY.	22.18	22.08	20.52	22.15	20.61	21.87	21.20
Total calves - 10 markets..	17,044	12,712	16,298	45,909	66,898	82,079	123,294
" heifers " "	4,897	5,475	7,855	18,473	18,162	31,639	27,606
" cows " "	1,188	1,281	626	3,517	3,573	4,701	5,714

* Not adjusted for differences in grade of cattle sold at each market.

ESTIMATED PERCENT OF STOCKER AND FEEDER CATTLE AND SLAUGHTER COWS IN SALABLE RECEIPTS

Week ended	Chi- cago	Kan- sas	S. St. - Omaha	St. - Joseph	Sioux City	S. St. - Louis	Indian- apolis	Den- ver	Ft. - Worth	Okla. City	Wich- ita	San Antonio

Stockers and feeders

Sept. 29, 1961	4	48	18	14	15	34	10	12	25	70	75	51	45
Sept. 22, 1961	2	47	22	14	13	30	10	10	32	70	68	55	50
Sept. 30, 1960	4	53	22	17	11	37	15	10	25	55	76	65	60

Slaughter cows

Sept. 29, 1961	4	8	7	6	12	5	25	12	10	20	12	20	15
Sept. 22, 1961	5	9	6	7	10	5	20	12	20	15	11	18	15
Sept. 30, 1960	4	11	9	8	17	6	25	14	15	20	12	16	18

STEERS SOLD OUT OF FIRST HANDS FOR SLAUGHTER 1/

Grade	Number of head		Percent of total by grades		Average weight (pounds)		Average price in dollars per 100 lb.	
					Week ended			
	Sept. 28 1961	Sept. 29 1960	Sept. 28 1961	Sept. 29 1960	Sept. 28 1961	Sept. 29 1960	Sept. 28 1961	Sept. 29 1960
CHICAGO								
Prime.....	3,101	5,920	12.0	15.6	1,213	1,261	25.33	25.62
Choice.....	17,106	23,203	66.3	61.2	1,162	1,172	24.60	24.55
Good.....	4,951	8,036	19.2	21.2	1,081	1,060	23.60	23.51
Standard.....	521	437	2.0	1.2	970	955	21.97	21.37
Commercial.....	--	2	--	.0	--	1,645	--	21.49
Utility.....	136	308	.5	.8	1,000	954	20.54	20.00
All grades.....	25,815	37,906			1,148	1,158	24.45	24.47
OMAHA								
Prime.....	310	260	1.7	1.6	1,200	1,153	24.47	24.73
Choice.....	10,736	9,843	60.0	59.6	1,155	1,161	23.60	23.66
Good.....	5,810	5,550	32.5	33.6	1,053	1,073	22.76	22.35
Standard.....	947	812	5.3	4.9	1,055	1,071	21.14	19.88
Utility.....	90	52	.5	.3	959	967	19.71	17.96
All grades.....	17,893	16,517			1,116	1,126	23.22	23.07
SIOUX CITY								
Prime.....	475	33	3.4	.3	1,240	1,273	24.06	25.00
Choice.....	8,179	7,755	58.0	60.8	1,145	1,141	23.84	23.92
Good.....	4,714	4,277	33.5	33.6	1,076	1,067	22.97	22.54
Standard.....	639	636	4.5	5.0	1,049	1,035	21.13	20.24
Utility.....	90	43	.6	.3	1,053	1,014	19.74	17.72
All grades.....	14,097	12,744			1,120	1,111	23.43	23.29
KANSAS CITY								
Prime.....	35	6	.6	.1	1,090	1,020	24.83	25.25
Choice.....	2,818	2,961	48.5	51.0	1,105	1,144	23.97	23.95
Good.....	2,502	2,076	43.0	35.7	1,068	1,117	23.11	22.48
Standard.....	412	666	7.1	11.4	1,034	1,046	21.58	19.98
Commercial.....	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Utility.....	45	106	.8	1.8	1,083	1,077	19.37	17.44
All grades.....	5,812	5,815			1,084	1,122	23.41	22.89
ST. LOUIS NSY								
Prime.....	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Choice.....	1,688	1,571	33.2	25.9	1,079	1,088	24.58	24.28
Good.....	2,603	3,272	51.3	54.0	997	1,071	23.74	23.12
Standard.....	648	763	12.7	12.6	957	921	21.88	20.63
Commercial.....	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Utility.....	135	453	2.8	7.5	962	914	19.93	17.72
All grades.....	5,074	6,059			1,018	1,045	23.71	22.80
S. ST. JOSEPH								
Prime.....	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Choice.....	4,152	3,199	54.6	45.4	1,118	1,130	23.69	23.95
Good.....	3,217	3,366	42.3	47.8	1,056	1,072	22.62	22.54
Standard.....	238	422	3.1	6.0	1,092	1,083	20.81	19.27
Utility.....	--	53	--	.8	--	936	--	16.76
All grades.....	7,607	7,040			1,091	1,098	23.17	22.97
DENVER								
Prime.....	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Choice.....	3,211	2,254	81.9	75.3	1,126	1,149	23.84	24.52
Good.....	708	716	18.1	24.2	1,019	1,049	22.43	22.64
Standard.....	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Utility.....	--	15	--	.5	--	838	--	15.70
All grades.....	3,919	2,965			1,107	1,123	23.61	24.06

1/ Data collected by Statistical Reporting Board, and Livestock Division, A. M. S.

WEEKLY SLAUGHTER UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION AT MAJOR CENTERS

City or Area	Cattle		Calves		Hogs		Sheep and lambs	
	Sept. 30	Oct. 1	Sept. 30	Oct. 1	Sept. 30	Oct. 1	Sept. 30	Oct. 1
	1961	1960	1961	1960	1961	1960	1961	1960
Boston, New York City Area	11,732	14,278	11,922	12,735	48,418	54,355	35,680	40,686
Baltimore, Philadelphia	9,579	9,488	2,443	2,772	32,811	28,076	5,025	3,781
Cin., Cleve., Detroit, Indpls .	21,387	21,392	1,623	5,015	117,926	132,459	6,070	13,428
Chicago Area	15,825	19,911	6,702	7,417	40,961	30,161	5,307	6,527
St. Paul - Wisc. Areas	31,348	33,884	20,634	25,625	110,413	99,914	26,607	21,434
St. Louis Area	12,638	13,848	2,172	3,823	78,480	70,484	5,334	4,085
Sioux City-So. Dakota Area	32,693	24,187	--	--	101,548	94,857	12,608	18,251
Omaha Area	42,250	43,807	108	226	88,982	74,628	17,207	15,226
Kansas City	16,206	17,343	--	--	33,278	29,661	--	--
Iowa - So. Minnesota*.....	35,855	35,319	10,155	9,115	292,400	274,709	40,263	35,833
Lou'l, Evan'l. Nash'l. Mph's ...	7,972	8,134	4,763	5,001	50,794	49,667	--	--
Georgia, Florida, Ala. Area ...	11,010	10,338	5,096	7,380	23,963	29,563	--	--
St. Jo'ph. Wichita, Okla. City.	20,924	20,921	1,173	1,557	43,475	38,851	8,427	9,743
Ft. Worth, Dallas, San Antonio.	12,858	14,248	5,347	5,624	16,901	14,059	33,923	26,323
Denver, Ogden, Salt Lake City .	25,350	19,269	170	292	14,262	17,278	69,516	43,299
Los Angeles, San Fran. Areas ..	25,394	29,021	853	1,501	28,420	24,140	31,760	34,559
Portland, Seattle, Spokane	9,174	9,145	274	474	19,832	16,716	6,910	9,940
Total	342,195	344,533	73,435	88,557	1,142,864	1,079,578	304,637	283,115
Accumulation to date	12,186,669*	11,892,834	2,379,085*	2,641,668	40,883,147*	42,718,360	10,426,031*	9,450,361

*Iowa and So. Minn. Area totals were revised for period May 6-Sept. 9, 1961.

ESTIMATED FEDERALLY INSPECTED SLAUGHTER AND MEAT PRODUCTION

Week ended	Beef		Veal		Pork		Lamb		Total	
	Num- ber	Prod. ber	Num- ber	Prod. ber	(excl. lard)	Num- ber	Prod. ber	Num- ber	Prod. ber	Total meat
	1,000 mil.lb.	lard prod.								

Sept. 30, 1961	420	246.1	110	12.6	1,335	182.0	325	14.6	455.3	--
Sept. 23, 1961	415	245.7	105	12.1	1,245	170.4	315	14.2	442.4	--
Sept. 9, 1961 1/.....	368	--	96	--	1,090	--	267	--	--	31.6
Oct. 1, 1960 1/.....	427	245.8	126	15.0	1,241	168.7	309	13.9	443.4	39.1

Percentage change from:

Sept. 23, 1961	1	0	5	4	7	7	3	3	3	--
Oct. 1, 1960	-2	0	-13	-16	8	8	5	5	3	--

Week ended	Average weight (lb.)								Lard	
	Cattle		Calves		Hogs		Sheep and lambs		yield	
	Live	Dressed	Live	Dressed	Live	Dressed	Live	Dressed	per 100 lb.	

Sept. 30, 1961	1020	586	205	115	235	136	93	45	--
Sept. 23, 1961	1030	592	205	115	236	137	94	45	--
Sept. 9, 1961	1030	592	215	120	235	136	94	45	--
Oct. 1, 1960	1018	576	212	119	234	136	95	45	13.5

1/ Actual slaughter. 2/ Excludes lard.

CATTLE: WEEKLY AVERAGE OF DAILY QUOTATIONS
 In dollars per 100 pounds

Classification	Chicago	Kansas City	Omaha	Denver	Portland	North					
	Sept. 30 1961	Oct. 1 1960	Sept. 30 1961	Oct. 1 1960	Sept. 30 1961	Oct. 1 1960					
<u>Slaughter cattle, calves and vealers</u>											
Steers -											
Prime	900-1100#	25.12	25.65	--	24.75	25.10	--	--	--	--	
	1100-1300	25.50	25.82	--	24.68	25.10	--	--	--	--	
Choice	900-1100	24.62	24.78	24.38	24.50	23.82	23.72	23.70	24.48	25.00	24.69
	1100-1300	24.55	24.60	24.00	24.32	23.80	23.80	23.70	24.30	24.50	24.19
Good	900-1100	23.25	23.05	23.15	22.38	22.52	21.92	21.40	20.92	23.25	23.22
Standard - All wts.		21.75	21.45	21.00	19.62	21.25	19.75	19.00	18.00	20.50	20.31
Heifers -											
Choice	700-900#	23.10	23.35	23.18	23.25	23.00	23.00	22.78	23.72	23.50	22.88
Good	600-800	--	--	22.15	21.50	21.52	20.88	--	20.60	21.75	22.12
Standard - All wts.		20.00	19.62	20.25	18.75	19.88	18.52	18.25	17.00	19.00	19.50
Cows - All weights -											
Commercial		16.08	15.15	16.62	15.58	16.90	15.60	--	--	15.50	16.38
Utility		15.30	14.62	16.12	14.45	16.10	14.38	17.00	15.45	15.00	14.88
Cutter		14.85	13.70	15.22	13.25	15.12	13.20	15.32	13.50	13.00	12.62
Canner		13.22	11.75	14.15	12.15	14.02	12.40	14.32	12.22	11.75	10.62
Bulls - All weights -											
Commercial		18.75	18.00	17.82	16.25	18.20	16.95	--	--	--	--
Utility		19.55	18.35	18.10	17.50	18.38	16.88	19.75	18.70	19.00	19.50
Calves - 500# down -											
Choice		--	--	22.20	19.75	--	--	--	--	--	--
Good		--	--	20.15	17.75	--	--	--	--	--	21.00
Standard		--	--	18.25	16.00	--	--	--	--	--	19.00
Vealers - All wts. -											
Choice		--	24.50	24.50	22.00	24.00	21.50	--	--	25.00	26.25
Good		--	23.00	22.00	20.00	22.25	19.25	--	--	24.00	24.00
Standard		--	19.50	19.00	17.50	19.75	16.50	--	--	21.00	20.62
<u>Stocker and feeder cattle and calves</u>											
Steers -											
Choice	500-800#	26.12	25.50	25.25	24.32	26.12	24.62	25.50	24.50	23.75	23.00
Good	500-800	24.25	23.00	23.62	21.90	23.88	22.28	21.50	23.00	22.50	21.00
Medium	500-1000	22.25	20.25	21.12	19.50	21.12	19.38	18.75	19.50	19.00	19.00
Heifers -											
Choice	500-750#	--	--	23.12	22.65	24.75	22.88	23.50	22.12	--	21.50
Med. & Gd.	500-750	--	--	20.50	19.75	20.75	19.50	20.00	19.25	17.50	18.25
Cows - All wts. -											
Med. & Gd.		--	--	--	14.12	16.25	14.75	--	14.75	--	--
Calves - 300-500# -											
Steers -											
Good & Choice		--	--	27.75	25.50	28.25	26.00	28.75	25.00	24.50	23.00
Heifers -											
Good & Choice		--	--	25.00	22.50	25.25	24.25	27.00	22.50	22.00	21.00

HOGS : WEEKLY AVERAGE OF DAILY QUOTATIONS
 In dollars per 100 pounds

In dollars per 100 pounds

	Interior	St. Louis	St. Louis	Peoria
Chicago	Iowa and	National	Omaha	Kansas City
So. Minnesota	Stock Yards	Indianapolis	St. Joseph	Kansas City
Sept. : Oct.	Sept. : Oct.	Sept. : Oct.	Sept. : Oct.	Sept. : Oct.
: 30 : 1	: 30 : 1	: 30 : 1	: 30 : 1	: 30 : 1
1961 : 1960	1961 : 1960	1961 : 1960	1961 : 1960	1961 : 1960
Barrows and gilts -				
U. S. No. 1 & 2				
180-200#	18.18	17.43	18.32	17.70
200-220	18.51	17.81	17.64	18.39
220-240	18.51	17.80	17.64	18.38
U. S. No. 2 & 3				
200-220	18.12	17.58	17.31	16.49
220-240	18.22	17.58	17.31	16.49
240-270	18.22	17.50	17.07	16.21
U. S. No. 1, 2 & 3				
180-200	18.03	17.27	16.38	15.80
200-220	18.25	17.68	17.43	16.55
220-240	18.32	17.68	17.43	16.55
240-270	18.32	17.62	17.19	16.31
Sows - U.S.1,2 & 3				
270-330	--	16.26	15.24	17.38
330-400	16.55	15.58	15.52	14.72
400-550	15.10	14.38	14.27	13.66
Barrows and gilts -				
U. S. No. 1 & 2				
180-200#	17.70	16.92	17.70	16.93
200-220	18.22	17.58	18.06	17.31
220-240	18.22	17.58	18.06	17.31
U. S. No. 2 & 3				
200-220	17.82	17.05	17.92	17.16
220-240	17.82	17.05	17.94	17.14
240-270	17.82	17.05	17.94	17.08
U. S. No. 1,2 & 3				
180-200	17.48	16.68	17.67	16.90
200-220	17.88	17.10	17.95	17.22
220-240	17.88	17.10	17.95	17.22
240-270	17.88	17.05	17.95	17.16
Sows - U.S.1,2 & 3				
270-330	--	17.20	15.65	15.82
330-400	--	16.65	14.72	15.20
400-550	--	15.25	13.85	15.62
Feeder pigs All				
Good and Choice	15.75	15.75	16.00	15.55

HOGS: AVERAGE COST, WEIGHT, AND NUMBER OF PACKER AND SHIPPER PURCHASES 1/

Week ended	St. Louis: Chicago: Nat'l.: Stock: Yards: Kansas: City: Omaha: City: City: Sioux City: S. St. Joseph: Paul: S. St. 'Indianapolis: com- bined: Eight mkts.										
	Barrows	Sept. 30, 1961	18.22	18.09	17.82	18.03	18.00	17.98	17.81	18.33	18.04
and	Sept. 23, 1961	18.38	18.24	17.81	18.18	18.19	18.04	18.03	18.33	18.17	
gilts	Oct. 1, 1960	17.48	17.48	16.99	17.09	17.13	17.03	17.00	17.63	17.26	
	Sept. 30, 1961	15.94	15.92	16.24	16.08	16.22	16.24	15.78	15.82	15.99	
Sows	Sept. 23, 1961	15.96	16.09	16.13	16.15	16.25	16.26	16.09	15.73	16.09	
	Oct. 1, 1960	14.76	14.61	14.31	14.70	14.78	14.66	14.34	14.40	14.58	
AVERAGE WEIGHT -											
Pounds											
Barrows	Sept. 30, 1961	220	215	224	222	223	223	222	218	220	
and	Sept. 23, 1961	219	214	222	222	223	222	220	219	220	
gilts	Oct. 1, 1960	226	214	229	227	226	223	221	222	222	
	Sept. 30, 1961	400	414	392	402	393	375	389	424	400	
Sows	Sept. 23, 1961	405	394	397	397	394	382	386	429	397	
	Oct. 1, 1960	408	383	408	398	388	372	386	427	395	
NUMBER OF HEAD -											
Barrows	Sept. 30, 1961	23737	47002	15305	31002	26271	22194	33010	27290	225811	
and	Sept. 23, 1961	17845	40504	15924	28706	22871	17877	27661	25404	196852	
gilts	Oct. 1, 1960	23764	48717	13642	27601	22526	20518	35319	27828	219915	
	Sept. 30, 1961	4337	3816	1375	6194	3751	2803	5923	3941	32140	
Sows	Sept. 23, 1961	3313	3688	2134	6310	3862	2828	5812	2945	30892	
	Oct. 1, 1960	3969	4035	1010	4910	3443	2398	6135	3143	29043	
SOWS -											
Percentage of total											
	Sept. 30, 1961	15	8	8	17	12	11	15	13	12	
	Sept. 23, 1961	16	8	12	18	14	14	17	10	14	
	Oct. 1, 1960	14	8	7	15	13	10	15	10	12	

1/ Weighted average.

AVERAGE WHOLESALE VALUE OF HOG PRODUCTS DERIVED FROM 100 LB. LIVE HOG, COMPARED WITH PRICES OF LIVE HOGS, CHICAGO

Week ended	Hog products 1/	Hog prices 2/	Gross spread or margin 3/
Sept. 30, 1961	\$19.68	\$18.25	\$1.43
Sept. 23, 1961	19.42	18.36	1.06
Oct. 1, 1960	19.21	17.68	1.53

1/ Value of all edible products, fresh basis (lard rendered) in 100 lb. of live hog computed from wholesale prices on carlot basis, Chicago, reported by National Provisioner daily market report.

2/ Mean of daily quotations on U. S. No. 1,2 and 3 hogs, 200-220# wt. Chicago.

3/ Difference between wholesale product value and hog prices.

HOG AND CORN PRICES AT CHICAGO AND HOG-CORN PRICE RATIO

Week ended	Barrows and gilts 1/	Corn 2/ No. 3 yellow	Hog-corn price ratio
	Dollars per 100 pounds	Cents per bushel	based on barrows and gilts
Sept. 30, 1961	18.22	110.9	16.4
Sept. 23, 1961	18.38	110.0	16.7
Oct. 1, 1960	17.48	111.2	15.7

1/ Weighted average. 2/ Simple average.

BOSTON WOOL MARKET REVIEW

About nine or ten cars of greasy domestic combing wools were sold this week at the Boston market at steady prices. There was a fair demand with supplies extremely small.

Activity in woolen wools and noils was dull with prices on noils and domestic pulled wools steady to firm, but with some weakness showing on foreign pulled wools.

Little was done in the domestic primary areas and offerings were limited.

Midweek cables from the Australian auctions showed a good selection of top-making merino wools. Quotations earlier in the week were one penny lower and unchanged at midweek with general competition and more Japanese buying compared to a week ago. In Adelaide, prices were irregular with the Continent, Japan and England operating. In South Africa there was an excellent selection with prices irregular to two pence lower and France was the principal buyer. Activity in South America was dull with some interest in only Argentine carpet wool types.

Fleece Wools - Graded 62s staple fleeces sold at \$1.12 clean basis while 56/58s staple and good French moved at \$1.08 and graded 50/54s staple wool brought \$1.06 clean basis, all on a core test. Graded 50/54s baby combing wool sold at an estimated clean price of \$1.01.

Territory Wools - Graded territory 62s good French combing and staple wool sold on a core at \$1.14 and \$1.15 clean basis.

Texas Wools - Little was done in Texas wools during the week with some sales weak on fall wools.

Mohair - The mohair market was very dull with most activity concerned with shipping previous orders from warehouses in Texas. Occasional sales of adult mohair were made at $86\frac{1}{2}\text{¢}$ and kid hair at $1.16\frac{1}{2}$ to the warehouse.

Foreign Wools - Turnover of spot foreign wools was very dull. Cabled reports at week's end follow with combing wools converted to clean U. S. oil-combed yields and short wools to scouring yields in bond.

Australia Oil-combed

61 -	\$1.18	79 -	\$1.09
62 -	1.13	80 -	1.06
63 -	1.12	432 -	1.05
77 -	1.17	433 -	1.03
78 -	1.12	434 -	1.00
		435 -	.94

		South Africa	
	<u>Oil-combed</u>		<u>Scoured yields</u>
7	-	\$1.06	17 - \$1.03
8	-	1.04	22 - 1.01
12	-	1.05	27 - 1.00
47	-	1.06	32 - .98
48	-	1.03	37 - .95
52	-	1.03	
53	-	1.01	

New Zealand	
	<u>Oil-combed</u>
92	- \$.93
93	- .91
833	- .90
834	- .88

Montevideo Super Skirted Wools - 60s - 98¢, 60/58s - 96¢, 58/56s - 93¢, 56/50s - 92¢, 50s - 91¢.

Carpet Wools - Trade in carpet wool was extremely slow. A gray Near Eastern carpet wool sold around 46¢ clean wool fibers present for shipment. Buenos Aires shippers were asking 76¢ for November and 71¢ for March wools, while New Zealand carpet fleeces were priced at 78¢, early shorn wool at 73¢, all for shipment.

Woolen Wools - Sales follow:

<u>Scoured Pulled Domestic</u>		
56/58s	2-3"	white \$1.07
<u>Scoured Pulled Foreign</u>		
N. Z.	56/58s	2-3" ch. wh. \$1.17

Noils

Ch. Aust. 70s nobles	\$.97
Ch. Aust. 62s nobles	.87
Clear B. A. 62s schlums	.63
Clear B. A. 64s nobles	.70
Clear dom. 62s French	.57

Wool Tops - Some topmakers had a modest turnover in small lots of mostly fine tops with prices on fine and half-blood slightly easier and strong on medium grades. Oil-combed fleece 54s tops sold at \$1.42.

CLOSING FUTURES QUOTATIONS -

Sept. 28, 1961 (Furnished by the Wool Associates of the N. Y. Cotton Exchange)

October wool tops	- \$1.615
December wool tops	- 1.600
64s grade - 2.55" minimum length	
October wool	- \$1.167
December wool	- 1.188
64s grade - 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ " ave. stretched length	

WHOLESALE MEAT TRADE REVIEWS

LESS THAN CARLOT MEAT TRADE REVIEW

EASTERN SEABOARD - Steer beef prices were uneven along the Seaboard with New York steady to 50¢ higher, Choice carcasses at Philadelphia 25-50¢ lower and Good steady to 50¢ higher while prices at other markets were largely steady. Cow beef was strong to 50¢ higher, but steady to weak at New York. Veal and calf sold steady to \$1.00 higher, except at Philadelphia where Choice was strong to \$1.00 higher and Good and below \$1.00-2.00 lower. Lamb sold steady to \$1.00 higher; pork loins \$1.00-6.00 higher; fresh skinned hams steady; spareribs \$1.00-4.00 lower; Boston butts steady to \$1.00 higher, except at New York 50¢ lower.

During the week when Jewish holidays were observed, prices for kosher steer forequarters were steady to \$1.00 lower, spring lamb \$1.00-\$2.00 lower. Quotations for veal and calf were unchanged.

Trading in general was moderately active at Eastern markets, with lamb and pork loins moving best in all areas as demand was fairly broad for these meats and clearance was good with chain outlets absorbing the bulk of the supply. Interest in pork was spontaneous with the turn to cooler weather in the East. The beef movement centered primarily on rounds and chucks and in view of expanded cutting operations there were accumulations of loins and ribs with a resultant carryover at some points. Clearance in general was poor. Veal and calf met fair demand and cleared well, except at New York where small lots of fore-saddles went unsold. Local non-kosher slaughter was above normal at New York, particularly on veal and calf. Supplies of western dressed meats including pork were generally normal at most markets.

CHICAGO - Carcass steer beef sold weak to 50¢ lower, heifer 50-75¢ lower. Veal was mostly steady but some individual cuts were uneven. Lamb sold steady to strong. Pork loins were steady to 50¢ lower; Boston butts \$1.50 higher; spareribs \$4.00-4.50 lower.

Supply of all fresh meats was normal, while supply of veal continued small.

Carcass beef trade was slow throughout the week and as a result most of the movement at wholesale levels was in primal cuts. Arm and squarecut chucks found the best outlet. Ribs and loins were very slow with downturns of as much as \$2.00 on ribs. Demand for rounds improved late. Good to Prime veal sold largely steady. Trading on lamb was moderately active and all cuts except loins found good outlet at strong prices. Pork loins worked higher early but supply over-rode demand and prices were lower at midweek and closed only strong. Demand was good for Boston butts the entire week but limited on spareribs each day.

PACIFIC COAST - Carcass steer beef sold mostly steady in the Northwest, steady to 50¢ lower in California except for a 50¢ advance on Standard in Los Angeles. Cow beef was steady to 50¢ higher, but mostly steady in Los Angeles. Calf and veal sold on a largely steady basis, instances \$1.00 lower in San Francisco. Lamb held steady at all points. Fresh pork was rather uneven, largely steady to \$1.00 higher; however, spareribs were weak to \$5.00 lower, the greatest decline in San Francisco. Smoked pork sold about steady, except for a \$1.00-4.00 lower trend on bacon.

Trading on steer beef was slow and supplies were liberal and exceeded the prevailing demand. Cow beef was somewhat short of the demand. Lamb supplies were below normal but adequate for a narrower demand. Pork trading was fairly active on moderate supplies. Unsettled labor conditions in the Los Angeles area had an effect on the trade in that area.

CARLOT MEAT TRADE REVIEW

CHICAGO, DENVER, OMAHA, NEW YORK AND PHILADELPHIA - Demand was poor for beef all week and carlot steer and heifer prices were lower. The extremely slow carlot trade reflected the general sluggish movement of beef from wholesalers' coolers early in the week. Most carlot action was confined to midweek and later when demand showed minor improvement. Supplies were normal and little changed from the previous week.

Prices on steer beef late were steady to mostly 50¢ lower, some sales 75¢ to \$1.00 lower on Choice 500-800# carcasses at Omaha. Heifer beef sold 50¢ to \$1.00 lower, largely 75¢ to \$1.00 off. Cow beef was steady to 50¢ lower at Chicago but strong to 50¢ higher at Omaha and Denver where demand again exceeded supplies. In spite of the slow trade and low price trends, supplies were fairly well cleared at shipping centers.

Carcass spring lamb moved in a moderately active trade with prices steady to \$1.00 higher. Clearance was good on lamb.

Supplies of pork products were increased from the previous week. Demand was good for pork loins, particularly early and prices moved sharply higher. The advance was lost in the later trade and closing prices at Chicago were \$1.50 lower than the previous week's close. However, at Omaha prices were around \$1.00 higher. Pork butts were mostly \$1.00-1.50 higher and fresh hams were 50¢ higher at Omaha. Normal supplies of pork carcasses were mostly steady at New York and Philadelphia.

WHOLESALE DRESSED MEAT PRICES - LESS THAN CARLOT BASIS
Weekly average of daily quotations in dollars per 100 pounds

Classification	New York		Chicago		San Francisco		Los Angeles	
	: Sept. 30: Oct. 1		: Sept. 30: Oct. 1		: Sept. 30: Oct. 1		: Sept. 30: Oct. 1	
	: 1961		: 1961		: 1961		: 1961	
Steer beef -								
Prime	700-800#	42.00	43.15	--	--	--	--	--
Choice	600-700	41.50	42.15	40.12	42.75	40.75	40.62	39.75
	700-800	41.00	41.85	39.62	40.75	39.62	38.50	38.88
Good	500-600	40.25	40.70	38.38	40.50	39.75	39.00	39.00
	600-700	40.45	40.70	38.38	40.50	38.75	37.50	38.25
Heifer beef -								
Choice	500-600#	--	--	39.00	40.75	39.50	40.50	39.25
	600-700	--	--	39.00	40.75	39.25	39.00	38.88
Good	500-600	--	--	37.28	39.25	--	--	--
Veal -								
Prime	90-120#	58.00	54.00	57.00	52.50	--	--	--
Choice	90-120	48.50	49.00	51.50	50.50	--	--	--
Good	90-120	43.50	42.10	47.00	46.50	51.75	50.00	--
Spring lamb -								
Prime	45-55#	40.90	43.30	40.50	42.50	38.00	--	38.25
Choice	45-55	40.90	42.55	40.50	42.50	38.00	40.00	38.25
Fresh pork -								
Loins	8-12#	51.45	53.05	47.75	50.31	52.50	54.50	51.88
Butts	4-8	37.25	38.30	34.60	38.12	41.00	43.00	40.00
Spareribs	3# down	46.70	44.50	42.06	39.81	50.00	49.00	48.00
Cured pork -								
Hams, smk. skd. -(Cook before eating)	12-16#	45.50	43.00	47.75	49.00	47.00	47.50	47.62
Bacon, smoked, sliced - 1# package (box lots)		60.00	47.00	60.50	51.00	64.75	53.00	62.00
Picnics, smoked - (Cook before eating)	4-8#	32.00	31.50	35.25	36.37	35.00	31.50	33.00
Lard, 1# carton		14.75	15.00	14.75	14.50	17.75	17.00	17.38
								15.50

BULK PRICES - CARLOT BASIS - WEEK ENDED SEPT. 29, 1961

Classification	Prices paid F.O.B.		Prices delivered		
	Chicago	Denver	Omaha	New York	Philadelphia
Steer Beef -					
Choice	600-700#	38.00-38.50	37.50	37.25-37.50	40.00-40.50
	700-800	38.00-38.50	37.00-37.25	36.75-37.25	39.50-40.00
	800-900	36.50-37.00	36.00	36.00-36.25	38.50-39.00
Good	500-600	37.00-37.50	--	--	37.50-39.50
	600-700	37.00-37.50	36.50	35.75-36.75	37.50-39.50
	700-800	36.50-37.00	--	35.25-35.75	37.50-39.50
Heifer beef -					
Choice	500-600#	36.75-37.25	35.50-38.00	35.75-36.00	--
	600-700	36.75-37.25	35.50-36.00	35.75-36.00	39.00-39.50
Good	500-600	35.50-35.75	36.00	34.50-35.00	--
	600-700	35.50-35.75	--	34.50-35.00	--
Cow beef - All weights -					
Utility		30.00-31.00	30.00-30.50	29.50-30.00	--
Canner and Cutter		30.00-30.50	--	29.50	--
Spring lamb -					
Prime	30-45#	37.00-37.50	--	--	38.00-39.00
	45-55	37.00-37.50	--	--	38.00-39.00
	55-65	37.00-37.50	--	--	38.00-39.00
Choice	30-45	37.00-37.50	35.00-36.00	36.00	38.00-39.00
	45-55	37.00-37.50	35.00-36.00	36.00	38.00-39.00
	55-65	37.00-37.50	--	--	38.00-39.00
Fresh pork -					
Loins	8-12#	44.50-45.00	--	44.50-45.50	--
					45.00-46.00

AVERAGE PRICES RECEIVED BY FARMERS FOR LIVESTOCK, FEED AND WOOL 1/

Commodity and unit		Sept. 15 1961	Aug. 15 1961	July 15 1961	Sept. 15 1960	Jan. 1947- Dec. 1949	Average
Prices received by farmers -							
Hogs	Per cwt. Dol.	17.50	17.20	16.50	15.70	21.90	
All beef cattle	" "	20.20	20.20	19.10	19.40	20.20	
Cows	" "	14.20	14.60	14.20	13.80	--	
Steers and heifers	" "	22.30	22.30	21.00	21.50	--	
Calves	" "	23.40	23.30	22.90	21.20	22.60	
Sheep	" "	4.79	4.78	4.89	5.05	9.15	
Lambs	" "	15.60	15.90	16.00	16.70	21.90	
Wool 2/	Per lb.	.410	.412	.413	.393	.460	
Corn	Per bu.	1.04	1.04	1.05	1.06	1.64	
Oats	" "	.640	.603	.642	.601	.852	
Barley	" "	.968	.951	.924	.817	1.37	
Hay, all baled	" ton	19.70	19.50	19.30	19.60	22.40	
Cottonseed	" "	47.50	49.90	49.00	39.20	71.60	
Hog-corn price ratio 3/ -						Sept. Av.	
United States	Bushel	16.8	16.5	15.7	14.8	13.7	1950-59
N. Central States	"	17.3	16.9	16.0	15.3	14.0	
Iowa	"	17.8	17.3	15.9	15.5	--	
Index numbers: (Av. Jan. 1910-Dec. 1914 = 100)						1947-49	
All farm products		242	241	237	238	271	
Feed grains and hay		156	154	156	152	230	
Meat animals		303	302	288	285	334	

Prices paid by farmers -

Commodities & Services, interest

	taxes and wage rates	301	301	300	298	250

1/ Estimates of Crop Reporting Board.

2/ Average local market price, excluding incentive payment. 3/ Monthly average.

4/ Bushels of corn equal in value to 100 lbs. of hog, live weight.

EFFECTIVE PARITY PRICES FOR LIVESTOCK, FEED AND WOOL 1/

Commodity and unit		Adjusted	Effective parity prices 3/		
		base	based on data for		
		prices 2/	Sept. 1961	Aug. 1961	Sept. 1960
Hogs	Per cwt. Dol.....	7.08	21.30	21.30	21.30
Beef cattle	" " "	7.87	23.70	23.70	23.60
Calves	" " "	8.70	26.20	26.20	26.10
Lambs	" " "	8.38	25.20	25.20	25.50
Wool	Per lb. "	4/ .249	.749	.749	.739
Corn	" bu. " .....	.538	1.62	1.62	1.62
Oats	" " " .....	.279	.840	.840	.837
Barley	" " " .....	.415	1.25	1.25	1.26
Cottonseed	" ton "	4/20.80	62.60	62.60	66.80

1/ Parity prices are computed under the provisions of Title III, Subtitle A, Section 301 (a) of the Agricultural Adjustment Act of 1938 as amended by the Agricultural Acts of 1948, 1949, 1954, and 1956.

2/ Adjusted base price 1910-14 derived from 120-month, January 1951-December 1960 average (including an allowance where appropriate for unredeemed loans and other supplemental payments resulting from price support operations) by dividing by 253 percent (the 120-month average of the Index of Prices Received by Farmers adjusted to include an allowance for unredeemed loans and other supplemental payments) unless otherwise noted.

3/ Effective parity prices as computed currently using base prices in effect and indexes for months indicated. These parity prices are the legally applicable parity prices for the following calendar month.

4/ Adjusted base price 1910-14 derived from 10 season average prices 1951-60 (including an allowance, where appropriate, for unredeemed loans and other supplemental payments resulting from price support operations).

AVERAGE LIVE WEIGHT OF LIVESTOCK SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION, 1955-61

CATTLE

Year	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Average
	Lb.	Lb.	Lb.	Lb.	Lb.	Lb.	Lb.	Lb.	Lb.	Lb.	Lb.	Lb.	Lb.
1955	984.8	981.9	976.7	967.6	961.0	959.6	957.6	959.4	971.3	984.5	990.4	1005.9	975.0
1956	1020.4	1019.0	1007.8	1004.6	997.7	983.5	973.8	957.6	962.1	970.5	984.0	1002.7	989.4
1957	1011.3	1010.6	1003.5	997.0	990.9	973.8	962.6	969.1	979.7	990.0	1004.4	1019.2	992.1
1958	1032.4	1018.2	1008.0	1009.6	1005.6	997.2	1003.8	1002.2	1006.0	1025.8	1047.5	1068.0	1018.4
1959	1072.8	1067.6	1057.8	1049.0	1047.0	1035.8	1032.9	1025.6	1027.5	1032.8	1043.3	1051.6	1044.7
1960	1063.5	1055.5	1049.4	1036.1	1033.3	1021.4	1012.0	1003.4	1018.8	1021.7	1034.6	1045.1	1032.0
1961	1059.6	1051.2	1055.4	1047.1*	1045.7	1041.5	1043.9	1028.0					

CALVES

1955	212.9	200.8	185.8	197.1	219.4	233.0	237.7	243.0	230.3	223.2	215.2	210.8	217.7
1956	213.8	206.9	197.2	209.2	228.9	239.1	246.9	249.5	238.5	232.8	219.3	211.2	224.9
1957	214.1	208.0	191.1	197.8	219.9	230.8	238.1	245.4	223.3	213.2	199.3	188.3	214.0
1958	211.9	201.8	188.7	200.1	221.8	228.9	230.6	231.5	214.2	207.3	205.4	190.5	210.3
1959	197.2	200.3	187.6	201.1	219.4	226.5	233.3	221.7	212.2	205.9	200.3	196.5	207.7
1960	202.9	198.8	187.0	204.5	222.4	236.7	235.5	237.8	209.3	209.8	195.7	191.3	210.1
1961	205.5	204.1	198.0	211.6	227.7	234.0	231.5	220.8					

HOGS

1955	246.7	238.9	239.2	244.0	251.9	263.7	256.4	238.2	229.3	228.0	235.2	237.2	240.8
1956	237.8	233.1	230.6	233.5	239.7	249.5	245.1	232.3	225.2	226.6	233.5	236.9	234.8
1957	236.6	233.4	234.2	237.9	244.8	252.9	244.4	229.2	221.4	226.4	233.8	237.9	235.5
1958	236.2	230.2	232.8	238.6	245.9	250.9	244.5	232.3	230.0	232.8	241.9	242.3	238.0
1959	240.6	234.8	235.5	241.4	247.4	250.5	243.1	234.6	231.9	235.3	240.9	240.3	239.5
1960	236.2	231.8	231.9	238.6	241.6	245.9	245.7	239.2	235.4	236.1	242.6	243.4	238.8
1961	240.6	235.2	235.5	240.4*	246.5	251.6	247.1	238.0					

SHEEP AND LAMBS

1955	100.3	103.1	103.2	99.8	96.5	90.9	91.6	92.9	91.9	93.6	96.2	97.7	96.4
1956	100.5	102.2	102.1	99.2	93.0	89.0	90.2	92.2	91.9	94.3	95.8	98.5	95.8
1957	100.2	102.0	101.6	98.4	94.5	91.8	92.7	94.2	93.6	94.9	96.5	98.6	96.6
1958	102.1	104.4	104.0	102.9	99.4	93.5	93.2	94.0	94.5	95.7	98.9	100.5	98.6
1959	103.5	105.2	104.0	103.4	97.5	94.3	93.7	94.5	95.0	96.7	98.1	100.7	99.0
1960	102.5	104.1	104.9	102.5	98.8	94.6	95.8	95.7	94.2	95.7	99.2	100.9	98.9
1961	102.6	105.1	104.7	103.0	98.2	94.3	93.3	92.3					

*Revised.

CLASSIFICATION OF LIVESTOCK SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION 1/

	Number (000 omitted)				Percent			
	Aug. 1961	July 1961	Jan.- Aug. 1960	Aug. 1960	Aug. 1961	July 1961	Jan.- Aug. 1961	Aug. 1960
Cattle:								
Steers	1,039	978	7,529	995	57.6	60.1	57.2	55.7
Heifers	391	327	2,923	365	21.7	20.1	22.2	20.4
Cows	350	299	2,536	400	19.4	18.4	19.3	22.4
Bulls and Stags	23	23	178	27	1.3	1.4	1.3	1.5
Total 2/	1,803	1,627	13,166	1,787	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Canners and Cutters 3/	153	140	1,223	189	8.5	8.6	9.3	10.6
Hogs:								
Sows	649	648	3,709	650	12.7	15.0	8.8	12.5
Barrows and Gilts	4,439	3,646	38,181	4,527	86.8	84.4	90.7	87.0
Stags and Boars	26	26	215	26	.5	.6	.5	.5
Total 2/	5,114	4,320	42,105	5,203	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Sheep and Lambs:								
Lambs and Yearlings	1,183	1,055	9,525	1,110	91.7	93.7	95.2	89.5
Sheep	107	71	476	130	8.3	6.3	4.8	10.5
Total 2/	1,290	1,126	10,001	1,240	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0

1/ Based on reports from packers. 2/ Totals based on rounded numbers.

3/ Included in cattle classification.

CLASSIFICATION OF BARROW AND GILT SLAUGHTER
AS REPORTED BY COOPERATING PACKERS

Month	Hogs		Barrows and Gilts reported separately					
	slaughtered under Federal inspection	Firms reporting	Head	Barrows		Gilts		
				Number	Number	Percent		
<u>1961</u>	<u>Number</u>							
Jan.	5,744,000	28	1,234,000	53.20	46.80			
Feb.	5,078,000	28	1,419,000	52.39	47.61			
Mar.	6,110,000	28	1,154,000	52.90	47.10			
Apr.	5,049,000	27	1,085,000	51.78	48.22			
May	5,597,000	23	1,041,000	50.08	49.92			
June	5,093,000	25	866,000	49.56	50.44			
July	4,320,000	26	786,000	49.21	50.79			
Aug.	5,114,000	27	1,022,000	51.74	48.26			

PERCENTAGE DISTRIBUTION, BY CLASSES, OF CATTLE SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION

Region	Steers	Heifers	Cows	Bulls and Stags	Cannery and Cutters, all classes	
	Aug. 1961	Aug. 1960	Aug. 1961	Aug. 1960	Aug. 1961	
	Pct.	Pct.	Pct.	Pct.	Pct.	
N. Atlantic States	71.2	74.9	2.2	1.8	25.3	21.6
S. Atlantic States	50.3	47.7	6.8	7.9	40.2	42.3
N. C. States-Eastern	56.3	54.5	17.7	17.1	23.5	25.7
N. C. States-N. Western	62.5	59.5	25.2	24.2	11.6	15.3
N. C. States-S. Western	63.2	58.1	20.2	18.1	15.7	23.2
S. Central States	30.9	31.1	17.1	14.6	49.0	51.4
Mountain States	42.4	29.9	39.3	43.4	17.5	25.4
Pacific States	62.8	63.8	18.3	14.8	17.3	19.6
	1.6				1.6	
					1.8	5.2
						4.6

UNITED STATES FEDERALLY INSPECTED SLAUGHTER AND MEAT PRODUCTION

	August		January - August		Percentage	
	1961	1960	1961	1960	Aug. 1961 of	5-yr. av.
Number slaughtered under Federal inspection: (thousands of head)						
Cattle	1,803	1,787	13,166	12,666	101	110
Calves	421	450	3,154	3,277	94	83
Hogs	5,114	5,203	42,105	44,121	98	108
Sheep & lambs	1,290	1,240	10,001	9,054	104	116
Average live weight: (pounds)						
Cattle	1,028.0	1,003.4	1,046.2	1,033.4	102	104
Calves	220.8	237.8	215.8	215.1	93	92
Hogs	238.0	239.2	241.7	238.4	99	102
Sheep & lambs	92.3	95.7	99.2	99.8	96	98
Average cost to packers: (dollars per 100 pounds)						
Cattle	21.25	21.38	21.44	22.61	99	101
Calves	22.97	20.88	23.59	23.56	110	114
Hogs	17.64	16.61	17.03	15.23	106	100
Sheep & lambs	15.90	16.33	16.01	18.91	97	83
Dressings yields: (per 100 pounds live weight)						
Cattle	58.3	57.7	58.1	57.6	--	--
Calves	56.8	55.7	56.3	56.9	--	--
Hogs 1/	76.5	76.4	76.6	76.6	--	--
Sheep & lambs	48.7	48.0	49.0	48.4	--	--
Lard per 100#	13.1	13.7	13.6	13.7	--	--
Lard per animal	31.2	32.7	33.0	32.6	--	--
Average dressed weight: (pounds)						
Cattle	599.3	579.0	607.4	595.2	--	--
Steers 2/	661.4	649.0	--	--	--	--
Heifers 2/	537.5	532.7	--	--	--	--
Cows 2/	483.9	485.7	--	--	--	--
Calves	125.4	132.5	121.5	122.3	--	--
Hogs	182.1	182.7	185.2	182.5	--	--
Sheep & lambs	45.0	45.9	48.6	48.3	--	--
Condemnations: 3/ (number of head)						
Cattle	5,494	4,602	38,291	36,249	--	--
Calves	1,085	941	11,411	12,795	--	--
Hogs	9,297	8,736	80,126	76,347	--	--
Sheep & lambs	9,032	8,783	52,445	51,044	--	--
Total dressed weight - Excluding condemned: (thousands of pounds)						
Beef	1,077,315	1,032,068	7,973,441	7,517,784	104	117
Veal	52,702	59,491	381,856	399,066	89	77
Pork (carcass wt.)	929,554	948,979	7,783,272	8,040,331	98	110
Lamb & mutton	57,649	56,532	483,054	435,178	102	115
Total 4/	2,117,220	2,097,069	16,621,623	16,392,359	101	113
Pork, excl. lard	710,718	715,652	5,887,361	6,075,833	99	112
Lard production 5/	159,010	169,799	1,384,899	1,434,354	94	105
Rendered pork fat	8,187	7,484	57,739	57,433	109	110

1/ Subtract 7.0 to obtain reported packer style average. 2/ Also included with cattle.

3/ Partly estimated. 4/ Totals based on unrounded numbers. 5/ Includes rendered pork fat.

	Cattle		Calves		Hogs		Sheep and lambs		Lard	
Week ended	Num-ber	Av. wt.	Num-ber	Av. wt.	Num-ber	Av. wt.	Num-ber	Av. wt.	Total prod.	Yield per 100#
	1000	lb.	1000	lb.	1000	lb.	1000	lb.	lb.	lb.
Aug. 5	380	599	227.5	80	129	10.3	1033	141	145.9	274
12	394	598	235.8	84	127	10.7	1113	138	153.9	293
19	393	595	234.0	90	124	11.2	1090	140	152.9	283
26	388	595	231.0	102	124	12.7	1150	138	159.0	270
Sept. 2	410	599	245.4	100	122	12.2	1179	137	161.7	285

1/ Excludes lard.

COMMERCIAL LIVESTOCK SLAUGHTER, UNITED STATES, AUGUST 1961 1/

Month and period	Cattle				Calves			
	Federally inspected	Other com-mercial	Av. live weight	Total	Federally inspected	Other com-mercial	Av. live weight	
			Thousand head	Pounds			Thousand head	Pounds
August 1961	1,803.1	513.9	2,317.0	1,004	421.4	249.9	671.3	234
August 1960	1,787.1	549.4	2,336.5	980	449.9	283.8	733.7	243
Jan.-Aug. 1961 2/	13,165.9	3,768.4	16,934.3	1,019	3,153.6	1,785.2	4,938.8	228
Jan.-Aug. 1960 2/	12,666.0	3,869.5	16,535.5	1,005	3,276.7	1,877.8	5,154.5	225
Hogs								
							Sheep and lambs	
August 1961	5,113.9	991.7	6,105.6	235	1,290.1	208.2	1,498.3	93
August 1960	5,202.9	1,011.4	6,214.3	236	1,240.4	174.9	1,415.3	96
Jan.-Aug. 1961 2/	42,104.5	7,634.4	49,738.9	239	10,001.3	1,386.5	11,387.8	99
Jan.-Aug. 1960 2/	44,121.2	8,638.7	52,759.9	236	9,054.3	1,200.3	10,254.6	99

1/ Excludes farm slaughter. 2/ Accumulated totals based on unrounded head and live weight.

COMMERCIAL MEAT AND LARD PRODUCTION, UNITED STATES, AUGUST 1961 1/

Month and period	Beef		Veal		Pork 2/		Lamb and mutton		Total meat 2/		Lard 3/	
	Mil. lb.	Mil. lb.	Mil. lb.	Mil. lb.	Mil. lb.	Mil. lb.	Mil. lb.	Mil. lb.	Mil. lb.	Mil. lb.	Mil. lb.	Mil. lb.
August 1961	1,342		89		843		67		2,341		181	
August 1960	1,307		99		850		65		2,321		193	
Jan.-Aug. 1961 .	9,911		630		6,909		548		7,998		1,561	
Jan.-Aug. 1960 .	9,474		656		7,220		491		17,841		1,629	

1/ Excludes farm slaughter. 2/ Excludes lard and rendered pork fat.

3/ Includes rendered pork fat.

Statistical Reporting Service - Crop Reporting Board.

MEATS AND MEAT PRODUCTS GRADED, OR ACCEPTED AS COMPLYING WITH SPECIFICATIONS--BY THE U. S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE 1/

Grade	Beef		Veal and calf		Lamb and mutton	
	Aug.	Aug.	Aug.	Aug.	Aug.	Aug.
	1961	1960	1961	1960	1961	1960
	Thous. pounds		Thous. pounds		Thous. pounds	
Prime	25,342	17,855	125	122	2,820	3,459
Choice	473,159	437,188	2,900	3,370	22,477	20,427
Good	142,010	160,764	11,482	13,123	813	968
Standard	18,689	19,008	1,319	2,573	--	--
Commercial	3,258	4,334	--	--	--	--
Utility	5,824	6,425	92	152	232	25
Cutter	2,074	1,289	--	--	--	--
Canner	260	283	--	--	--	--
Cull	--	--	--	3	5	16
Total	670,615	647,146	15,917	19,344	26,347	24,896
Bull and stag beef ..	805	1,068				
All other meats and lard.....	13,314	13,824				

1/ Data pertain only to meats offered to the U. S. Department of Agriculture for grading or acceptance.

SHEEP AND LAMBS: WEEKLY AVERAGE OF DAILY QUOTATIONS
In dollars per 100 pounds

Classification	Chicago	Omaha	Kansas City	Fort Worth	Denver	Ogden	North Port-land	
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SLAUGHTER LAMBS: (Spring) - All wts.								
Prime	Sept. 30, 1961	18.60	17.75	18.00	--	18.32	17.00	15.81
	Oct. 1, 1960	20.08	18.48	17.85	--	18.94	17.50	--
Choice	Sept. 30, 1961	17.68	16.65	17.12	15.75	16.70	16.00	15.56
	Oct. 1, 1960	19.65	17.72	16.75	16.75	18.00	16.75	16.56
Good	Sept. 30, 1961	16.05	15.28	16.00	14.75	14.88	14.75	14.50
	Oct. 1, 1960	17.75	16.25	15.25	16.30	16.75	15.50	15.62
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EWES: (Shorn) - All wts.								
Good &	Sept. 30, 1961	3.80	3.50	3.25	5.25	4.12	4.00	3.41
Choice	Oct. 1, 1960	4.50	3.62	3.50	--	4.50	3.50	4.25
Cull &	Sept. 30, 1961	3.75	3.50	2.75	4.50	3.00	3.00	3.12
Utility	Oct. 1, 1960	4.25	3.55	2.50	5.12	3.25	2.25	3.25
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FEEDER LAMBS: - All wts.								
Good &	Sept. 30, 1961	--	14.88	--	10.75	14.66	13.25	12.25
Choice	Oct. 1, 1960	--	17.25	--	12.85	16.75	15.25	14.12
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Number of Cattle and Calves from Canada and Mexico Passed for
Entry into the United States
August 1961, with comparisons
USDA - ARS - Animal Inspection and Quarantine Div.

Month and period	Canada		Mexico	
	1961	1960	1961	1960
	<u>Head</u>	<u>Head</u>	<u>Head</u>	<u>Head</u>
August	59,886	7,135	11,061	3,698
January-August	180,655	162,881	297,462	243,786

Note: During Jan.-Aug. this year 1,031 sheep and 12,895 hogs were received from Canada compared with 1,116 sheep and 13,572 hogs a year ago.



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